

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF DECEMBER 5TH, 1934.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board of Public Works, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday, December 5th, 1934.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.  
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.  
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

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There appeared before the Board in connection with the erection of buildings for the feeble-minded at Crownsville State Hospital, Doctor George H. Preston, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, Doctor Robert P. Winterode, Superintendent of Crownsville State Hospital, Messrs. Gondry and Pattison, members of the Hospital Board, Mr. Herbert G. Crisp, Architect for the proposed buildings, and Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, State Purchasing Agent.

The following letter was submitted by Mr. Herbert G. Crisp.

Herbert G. Crisp and  
James R. Edmuns, Jr.  
Architects  
409 Calvert Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

November 27, 1934.

To the Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Attention: Mr. Joseph O'C.  
McGusker.

Gentlemen:

Subject - Crownsville State Hospital,  
Buildings for the  
Feeble-minded.

We give below the complete cost of the Feeble Minded Group for the Crownsville State Hospital:

This cost is made up from the proposal submitted by Carlson & Carlson, the lowest bid received out of the fifteen bids submitted, and was concurred in by Dr. George Preston, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, and Dr. Robert P. Winterode, Superintendent of the Hospital.

The amount set out as Contingencies may be reduced when we get actual proposals on the suggested changes.

Base Bid.....	\$314,250.00	
Alternate #1 - deduct.....	\$1,000.00	
"    #2 - " .....	400.00	
"    #3 - " modified.....	15,000.00	
"    #4 - " .....	4,200.00	
"    #5 - " .....	4,500.00	25,100.00
		<u>\$289,150.00</u>
Gas & Electric Company - Electric Feeders.....		1,672.00
Architects' and Engineers' Commissions, computed on base bid.....		19,300.00
		<u>\$310,122.00</u>

Additional Estimated Savings:

Hard brick @ \$33.50 per M. in lieu of glazed brick @ \$52.50 per M. - interior.....	\$4,500.00	
Slate Roof.....	300.00	
4" Glazed Tile, in lieu of 4" glazed brick partition....	5,000.00	
Stone coping.....	2,500.00	
Insulation of Dormitory Roofs.....	500.00	
Cubical partitions and curtains.....	300.00	
Handpower Dumbwaiters in lieu of Electric....	1,100.00	
Mechanical Work.....	2,800.00	
Copper bearing Steel Pipe in lieu of W.I. for Plumbing and Heating...	1,500.00	
Detention Grilles.....	3,000.00	
Locks for Detention Grilles.....	1,700.00	
Hard Troweled Cement floor in lieu of Kalman.	3,522.00	
Omission of Electric Outlets and Fixtures....	600.00	28,122.00
		<u>\$282,000.00</u>
Contingencies.....		1,000.00
		<u>\$283,000.00</u>

With the above changes (omitting one wing of one cottage), we will be able to accommodate 100 patients, while the original plans provided for 116 patients.

All proposals were opened on Wednesday, November 21, 1934, by the Board of Managers at the monthly meeting held at the Hospital, and they instructed us to submit to you for your approval and ratification their recommendation of accepting the proposal of the lowest bidder as stated above.

Very truly yours,

HERBERT G. CRISP AND JAMES R.  
EDMUNDS, JR., ARCHITECTS

BY /s/ Herbert G. Crisp.

HGC:VC  
Copy to Dr. Winterode,  
    "    " Dr. George Preston

A tabulation of bids received from the various contractors was submitted, it appearing that Carlson and Carlson of Annapolis were low bidders for the work.



After discussion of the matter it was decided to authorize Crownsville State Hospital to enter into a contract with Carlson & Carlson for the construction of the buildings in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Architect and in accordance with the set-up outlined in Mr. Crisp's letter of November 27th, incorporated above.

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The following Resolution was offered and adopted -

RESOLVED that the agreement between the United States of America, as party of the second part, and the State of Maryland, for and on behalf of Springfield State Hospital, the party of the first part, under which a grant by the party of the second part of \$61,500.00 is given to the party of the first part, for the purpose of the work of making alterations to three existing buildings, the installation of a 250 KVA generator, and other equipment in existing power house, and the construction of a dormitory building for the housing of eighty-four patients at Springfield State Hospital, Sykesville, Maryland, identified as the party of the second part's Docket No. 2243, is hereby approved, and the Board of Managers of Springfield State Hospital and the proper officials thereof are authorized and directed to execute and deliver said agreement to the party of the second part.

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The Secretary reported having received a letter from Mr. Charles E. Robertson, a member of the Board of Managers of the Eastern Shore State Hospital, in which it was requested that the State Law Department give its opinion on the question of whether the Hospital or the Board of Public Works would have authority to convey land belonging to the Institution in connection with a sewerage system to be installed for the City of Cambridge, or whether the Hospital or the Board of Public

Works would have authority to enter into a long term lease making the property available to the City for the same purpose.

The matter was referred to the State Law Department, and the reply is quoted herewith -

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th, containing enclosed copy of letter addressed to the Board of Public Works by Mr. Charles E. Robertson, of Cambridge, Maryland, dated November 14th. It is my opinion that the Board of Public Works has no power or authority to make the grant or lease set forth in Mr. Robertson's letter."

The Secretary reported having advised the Eastern Shore State Hospital of the opinion received from the State Law Department.

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The following letter from Eastern Shore State Hospital relative to the disposal of sewage from the City of Cambridge on the Hospital Farm was read and considered -

EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL

CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND.

November 26, 1934.

Hon. Wm. S. Gordy, Jr.,  
State Comptroller,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

The question of the disposal of all the sewage from Cambridge on the Hospital farm is now being right much agitated and I am informed that requests will be made to the Board of Public Works for permission to do so.

The point elected, according to my information, is the most desirable part of the Hospital farm. It is an attractive grove on the river front in close proximity to the Hospital. This grove constitutes about ten or twelve acres, of which they propose to take several for the disposal of the sewage from the City. I am very much afraid because of the nearness to the Hospital that it will be a very offensive thing, aside from the destruction of our beautiful natural grove on the river. I fear that if you allow the sewage to be placed there that the care of the sewerage plant might be neglected and become a great nuisance.

The question of access to this plant would be another thing to be seriously considered. If a bridge was built across the mouth of the creek it would give access to all Cambridge to the Hospital property, thereby, bringing about a troublesome



condition.

You are, of course, aware that the State has invested in this Hospital over \$500,000.00 and to have it spoiled in any way by the dumping of sewage on the property is to my mind very regrettable. Should the Board of Public Works, however, decide to grant the necessary permission to install a sewerage plant it seems to me the least that we could possibly ask of them would be to take our sewage at their expense from the Hospital into their plant for treatment.

You are aware that at the present our sewage is carried untreated directly into the Choptank River. This arrangement, while satisfactory to the Hospital, is, of course, objectionable because of the pollution to a small extent of the river water.

I feel confident that as soon as the City of Cambridge disposes properly of their sewage the immediate necessity of our doing something in connection with ours will be brought out.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Chas. J. Carey.

CJC:BO

Dr. Charles J. Carey

Mr. Kirkman stated that the State Department of Health must give its approval to the installation of sewerage systems, and that he would look into the matter with a view to ascertaining the facts regarding the system to be installed by the City of Cambridge, and whether the Eastern Shore State Hospital would connect with the system, or continue to dispose of its sewage otherwise.

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The following letter from Spring Grove State Hospital, was read and considered -

SPRING GROVE STATE HOSPITAL

Nov. 27, 1934

Mr. J.O. McCusker, Secretary,  
Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Mr. McCusker:-

On December 1st I will open up a new section of the Infirmary Building, necessitating the employment of several nurses and attendants, and accommodating altogether approximately two hundred patients. For this group I will need a male and female supervisor and a male and female head nurse, with a corresponding increase in salaries for this personnel.

It has always been our rule to promote our own graduates to these higher grades when they are capable and deserving. The following are the changes which we have in mind:

Mr. Joseph Bauer, from head attendant at \$49.50 to supervisor at \$54.00 per month.

Miss Treva Ward from head nurse at \$45.00 to female supervisor at \$49.50 per month.

Mr. John Canter from attendant at \$40.50 to head attendant at \$45.00 per month

Miss Thelma Dykes from female attendant at \$36.00 to head nurse at \$40.50 per month.

These are not increases in salaries, but promotions which carry these higher salaries. Our pay roll has been made out with these positions in view, and will not be overdrawn.

Your approval of these promotions and corresponding salary increases will be appreciated.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert E. Garrett.  
Superintendent.

REC/RQ

It was decided that the changes in salaries to be paid to the persons outlined in Doctor Garrett's letter are not increases in pay for the work the employees have been performing in the past, but that the employees were being promoted to higher grades, and were being given the greater pay for the more responsible work.

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The following letter addressed to Governor Ritchie, as Chairman of the Board of Public Works, by Mr. George M. Shriver, Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland, was read and considered -



MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Fidelity Bldg.  
Baltimore, Maryland.

November 24, 1934.

Governor Albert C. Ritchie,  
Chairman, Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Governor Ritchie:-

This letter and request is supplemental to my letter of April 27, 1934 in regard to construction and remodeling of buildings for the University of Maryland at College Park. In that letter request was made that you approve the construction of the Arts and Sciences Building and the Women's Dormitory. This approval was granted, and the contracts were awarded to low bidders.

Considerable delay has been encountered in this work owing to disagreement between the contractors and the Brick Layers Union over the wage scale, and because Maas Construction Company, low bidder on the Women's Dormitory, quit the job, thus throwing the responsibility of the Women's Dormitory on the bonding company.

However, the labor troubles have recently been settled and work is rapidly proceeding on the Arts and Science Building, and we are ready to sign new contracts for the Women's Dormitory.

The new contract on the Women's Dormitory is slightly higher than the contract with the Maas Construction Company, but an agreement has been signed with the bonding company in which the bonding company assumes responsibility for the difference so that the actual cost to the State will be no greater than the original contract.

The same labor troubles that held up work on the Arts and Science Building also delayed beginning the remodeling of the Dairy Building. However, the original low bidder on this building declined to accept the contract, and the next low bidder, the Price Construction Company, which also is to complete the Women's Dormitory, is ready to proceed with the work. The Board herewith requests approval for the award of this contract. The bid for remodeling the Dairy Building is \$44,000, this being \$560. higher than the original bid of the company which declined to accept the contract. With the Federal grant of \$153,000 sufficient funds are available to carry out these three projects to a satisfactory conclusion.

Following is a financial statement of the status of the appropriations and money available to construct these buildings, with the cost of same:

STATE APPROPRIATIONS AVAILABLE:

Arts and Sciences Building . . . . .	\$200,000	
Women's Dormitory. . . . .	\$150,000	
Available from a previous appropriation for Women's Dormitory. . . . .	40,000	190,000
Total State Appropriation		390,000

(Brought forward) Total State Appropriation . . . \$390,000.

Grant from the Federal Government . . . . . \$153,000.

To be contributed by the bonding company  
(National Casualty Company). . . . . 10,280.

Total money available. . . . . \$553,280.

#### COST OF CONSTRUCTION:

Arts and Sciences Building. . . . .  
.....Consolidated Engineering Co..... \$259,850.  
Women's Dormitory) Price Con- 171,000.  
Dairy Building ) struction Co. .... 44,000.

Total cost . . . . . 474,850.

Balance . . . . . \$ 78,430.

This balance will cover architects fees, cost of roadways, walks, landscaping, grading, outside electrical lines, lights, etc., and pay certain salaries made obligatory by the Federal Government for inspection.

The apparent discrepancy between the amount assigned for the Women's Dormitory in my letter of April 27, 1934, and the amount assigned in this letter is that the previous figure has in it all work of an outside nature and all fees for inspection, etc. The figure of \$171,000 given in this letter is the actual contractor's bid, and the difference is shown in the increase of the balance to take care of outside work, etc. Recommendations and statements herewith made have the approval of the Federal Public Works Administration, and all Federal requirements have been met.

Negotiations with the bonding company for the completion of the Women's Dormitory were carried on to a successful conclusion by the Attorney General's Office, and all contracts and bonds carry the approval of that office as to legal sufficiency.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Geo. M. Shriver,  
George M. Shriver,  
Chairman, Board of Regents.

P.S.

The above matter was approved by the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland at a meeting held on November 23, 1934.

The program outlined in Mr. Shriver's letter, covering the work to be done at the University of Maryland, at College Park, was approved.

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Mr. Kirkman took up with the Board the question of requests received from several departments for allowances from the Emergency Reserve Fund.

It was decided that the Board would not be justified at this time in making the allowances.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.